

such as the Panchamas. The majority of the Members, however, expressed themselves in favour of extending the concession to all communities that are backward in point of education where such concessions are claimed." This shows that financial backwardness was not a consideration. The majority stated that all persons of the backward communities who wanted this concession must be given the same whether they were poor or rich. So this paper shows the contrary.

President.—You may take it for what it is worth. The time is up and questions and answers are over.

Ingress of salt water through the Padiath Thodu.

276. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that considerable damage is being caused to the lands on the eastern side of the Cannonshead road by the ingress of salt water through the Padiath Thodu?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Government are not aware that any damage is being caused to the lands referred to.

Non-admission of a patient to the Trichur Civil Hospital.

277. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether a dead body was found on the morning of 3rd Vrischigam 1104 on the public road by the side of the gutter in front of the Trichur Civil Hospital;

(2) whether the person whose body was found as in question (1) breathed his last on the road-side on the previous night; if not, where and when did he die;

(3) whether this person was found by the Civil Hospital employees in the Hospital portico on the western side on the night of the 2nd Vrischigam between 11 and 1;

(4) whether Mr. K. T. Mathai, M. A. (Hons.) B. L., District Court Vakil, came to the Hospital at the time when the person was lying in the portico;

(5) whether Mr. K. T. Mathai requested the Hospital employees not to disturb the person till death;

(6) whether he was not in extremely bad condition when Mr. K. T. Mathai saw him in the portico;

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(7) whether the said person was immediately removed to the public road and deposited by the side of the gutter in front of the Hospital by the hospital employees ;

(8) whether it did not rain heavily that night ;

(9) whether the above-said person did not die on the road-side ;

(10) whether any and if so who took charge of the body ;

(11) how was the dead body disposed of and who incurred the expenses ;

(12) whether the above-said person was seen lying alive under the Pupparruthi (പുപ്പരൂത്തി) tree in the Civil Hospital compound on the evening of the 2nd Vrischigam 1104 and whether that person did not go to the Hospital for admission that day ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes.

(2) It is very likely that he died on the road-side the previous night.

(3) Yes.

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes.

(6) Yes.

(7) Yes.

(8) Not known.

(9) Vide answer to sub-division (2) above.

(10) From enquiry, it was learned that the Sanitary Inspector of the Municipality got the body disposed of.

(11) Was got buried by the Municipal authorities and the expenses were incurred by the Municipality.

(12) Yes, the person referred to was refused admission and sent away from the Hospital premises by the Medical Officer on the ground that he was suffering from a highly infectious form of leprosy.

278. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether a person who sought admission into the Trichur Civil Hospital and refused was found dead the next morning in the contractor's shed in the Hospital premises in the end of Mithunam or the beginning of Karkadagam 1103?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes; the Medical Officer did not give admission on the ground that the person referred to was suffering from a very bad case of leprosy.

Venduruthy Leper Asylum.

279. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the present condition of the Venduruthy Leper Asylum;

(b) the number of inmates there and the amount of expenditure per head at present in the institution;